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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following information is brought to the Examiner's attention.

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 60-44641. A discussion of relevance of this document is set forth on page two of the present application. An English-language abstract of this document is also attached.

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 9-79374. A discussion of relevance of this document is set forth on page two of the present application. An English-language abstract of this document is also attached.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 60-215435. This document corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,732,246.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 62-247931. This document corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,899,279.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 6-272761. An English-language translation of this document obtained from the Japanese Patent Office website is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience, as well as an English-language abstract. As noted on the English language translation, the translation was made by computer and thus may not precisely reflect the original document.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 9-42443. An English-language translation of this document obtained from the Japanese Patent Office website is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience, as well as an English-language abstract. As noted on the English language translation, the translation was made by computer and thus may not precisely reflect the original document.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 61-220940. This document corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,732,055.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 61-235241. This document corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,899,857.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 8-200399. This document corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,634,867.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-36912. An English-language translation of this document obtained from the Japanese Patent Office website is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience, as well as an English-language abstract. As noted on the English language translation, the translation was made by computer and thus may not precisely reflect the original document.

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To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, the above-noted documents are cited on the attached form PTO-1449.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed, except that copies of the listed U.S. patents are not enclosed since it is no longer required according to the July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirement for copies of cited U.S. patents in national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information and to acknowledge such consideration by initialling, signing and returning the enclosed additional copy of form PTO-1449.

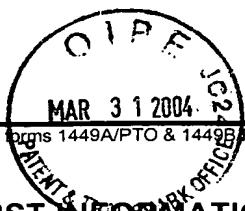
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